Appointment of members of depressed classes in Government service.

454. **MR. K. MADHAVAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of candidates belonging to the depressed classes who have sent in applications for appointments in Government service in 1102 and 1103; and

(*b*) the number of those who have been employed in the several departments of the State in 1102 and 1103?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Government do not propose to collect the information as the labour involved in doing so is out of all proportion to its utility.

Measures for the uplift of the depressed classes.

455. **MR. K. MADHAVAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken in pursuance of the various representations made by members of the depressed classes in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly for their uplift?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The members of the depressed classes who have made representations on the subject have been informed of the action taken by Government on their representations from time to time.

Fixing the pay of certain officers in British Indian currency.

456. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the rule under which certain officers are allowed to draw their pay in British Rupees?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): In the case of officers of the British Government whose services have been obtained on foreign service conditions, the salary has to be fixed in British Rupees. Otherwise, any decision to fix pay in British Rupees is made on the merits of each case.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to the second part of the answer, "Otherwise, any decision to fix pay in British Rupees is made on the merits of each case", will the member be pleased to state what are the merits which make an officer draw his pay in British Rupees.

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It is more or less hypothetical, Sir. I can however inform the member that the pay of the European officers has been fixed in British Rupees.

MR. D C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): I quite understand the pay of European officers being fixed in British Rupees. What has the member to say in regard to Indian officers?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The member says he can understand. I thought I wa giving fresh information as it was not contained in the reply.

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